

MAIL STOP AF RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1700**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

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ELECTROLYTIC ETCHING OF GOLD

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION MAILED MAY 8, 2006

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed May 8, 2006, applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth below and passing of the application to allowance. The amendments set forth below cancel rejected claims, thus placing the application in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, their entry at this juncture is proper.